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Wi-Fi at Railway Stations
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to introduce Wi-Fi service at all the railway stations in the country, specially in Gujarat and Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any pilot project/trial in this regard has been initiated by the Railways and if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) the Zone-wise names of the railway stations where Wi-Fi facility has already been provided; and

(d) the time by which the said facility is likely to be provided at all the stations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): Railway proposes to provide Wi-Fi in all A1, A & B category stations on Indian Railways. There are total 709 such stations on Indian Railways (A1-75, A-332 and B-302) including 34 stations in Gujarat and 45 stations in Maharashtra.

(b): Yes, Madam. Trials for provision of Wi-Fi at stations with no Capital investment from Railways have been conducted. These trials were conducted to find a suitable business model to sustain the system.
(c): At present, the Wi-Fi facility has been provided at 11 stations on Indian Railways as detailed below:-
(1) CST Mumbai, Central Railway
(2) Howrah, Eastern Railway
(3) New Delhi, Northern Railway
(4) Varanasi, Northern Railway
(5) Ghazipur, North Eastern Railway
(6) Chennai, Southern Railway
(7) Secunderabad, South Central Railway
(8) Ahmedabad, Western Railway
(9) Agra Cantt., North Central Railway
(10) Bengaluru, South Western Railway
(11) Madgaon, Konkan Railway.

(d): 'A1' & 'A' category stations are likely to be completed in next two years and 'B' Category stations would take another one year.
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